Activities of Mafia Gangs in Jharia Coal Belt

*208. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a joint statement of all the Central Miners' Federation which met at Calcutta on the 19th July, 1984 demanding immediate publication of Raj Gopalan and Gopal Kumar Mangalam Enquiry Commissions Reports on activities of Mafia gangs in Jharia coal belt and its collusion with corrupt officers and others;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this demand; and

(c) whether Government would distribute these two vital reports to the Members of Parliament and Miners Federations for effective implementation of their recommendations to curb the operations of the Mafia gang and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs Shri P. R. Rajgopal, the then Director of the Bureau of Police Research and Development made a study of the law and order problems in the Dhanbad district with special reference to the problems of Bharat Coking Coal Limited. He submitted his report to the Government in March, 1979. The major recommendations and action taken thereon were reported to the Parliament by the Ministry of Home Affairs in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6077 dated 30-7-80 and Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 775 dated 28.2.1983. Shri Rajgopal's Report was a confidential document which has not been published.

In 1982, a one-man Committee headed by Shri J. G. Kumaramangalam was appointed to look into the administrative and financial working of Bharat Coking Coal Limited. This Committee submitted its report to this Department in January, 1983.

The Commitee made 154 recommendations, which have been grouped into four categories namely, (i) recommendations numbering 109 on which action is to be taken by the Company (BCCL), (ii) 6 recommendations on which action is to be taken by the Government of Bihar, (iii) 23 recommendations on which action is to be taken by the Central Government and (iv) 16 recommendations on which action is to be taken by various agencies such as Cenrtal Government, State Government, Companies, etc. These recommendations have been sent to the authorities concerned for necessary action. Action has been initiated on the recommendations on which Central Government is to take action.

As the recommendations of the Committee pertain to the internal working of BCCL in regard to administration, finance, etc., it has not been considered necessary to publish this report.

Rise in Petrol Prices

*209. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Octane content of petrol being supplied for cars through various petrol pumps has recently been changed;

(b) if so, whether there is a greater evaporation loss now and whether the loss has to be borne by the petrol dealer; and